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1. The following is a translation of a circular of the German Economic Commission, Department of Interzonal and Foreign Trade, dated 9 August. It explains the future functions of the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaft (DHG) in regard to export transactions and procedures.
- a. It has been decided, in order to enable our department to devote all its energy to basic matters, that it should be relieved from handling all matters of a purely business or administrative nature. The Deutsche Handelsgesellschaft Berlin mbH, Export-Vertragsabwicklung, Berlin W 9, Link Strasse 6, was therefore asked to take over certain functions of the Department of Interzonal & Foreign Trade, namely those of advising, checking, or assisting. The DHG is not interpolated as an intermediate agency; thus the procedures to be followed by exporters, forwarding agents, etc., are not affected by this arrangement.
- b. In the future, all applications are to be handled as follows:
- 1) All agreements, as in the past, will be approved either by the Department for Interzonal & Foreign Trade (HVIA), or via the HVIA by the Department of Foreign Trade of the SMA (VEA) in Berlin-Karlshorst.
 - 2) In the future, all delivery orders and shipment documents, which in the past had been prepared by the HVIA (see para. VI 2 of letter of the Department of Foreign Trade of 20 February 1948) will be drafted by the DHG, but issued by the HVIA.
 - 3) Shipment documents and invoices will be examined by the DHG, which is to write out all orders pertaining to payments (payments to exporters, etc., from letters of credit and in Reichsmarks). All documents, including export form B, must therefore be forwarded, contrary to the instructions on the delivery orders, to the DHG instead of the HVIA.
 - 4) Henceforward, exporters will deal with the DHG concerning questions related to export transactions, receipt or extension of letters of credit, procurement of foreign exchange, transfer of marks, procurement of RR cars, etc.

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- 5) If the exporter should deem it necessary that a ~~question~~ related to the above paragraphs 3) and 4) be settled directly by the HVIA or the VFA, he must submit such a request to the DHG, which, after attending to all preliminary procedures, will then forward the request to the HVIA.
- c. In the future, exporters will be required to submit only the contracts to the HVIA for approval, namely through the appropriate offices of Interzonal and Foreign Trade. All other business transactions will be carried out with the DHG.
- d. The above does not affect the right of state governments to require exporters to consult state agencies such as the AIA, Export & Import GmbH, etc., before making application to the DHG in the cases indicated under b3), b4), and b5).

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